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Conference Policies

Cancellation and Refunds

Cancellation and refund requests for the 2018 Annual Conference must be submitted in writing by email to annualconference@danceusa.org by **May 4, 2018. A \$75 cancellation fee will apply.** Registration fees will not be refunded after May 4, 2018.

Registration

All registrations are assigned to the person who registered. A single registration is not transferable between two or more people. Each member of your organization should register individually in order to attend Conference events.



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who attends the Dance/USA Annual Conference?

Each year over 500 individuals associated with the professional dance field join Dance/USA for the Annual Conference. Attendees include independent artists, dance presenters, agents and artist representatives, education and service providers, executive directors, artistic directors, company managers, fundraisers, and more from across America and internationally.

2. Do I have to be a Dance/USA member to attend the Conference?

No; anyone can attend the Conference! Dance/USA members receive discounted registration fees to attend. Not a Dance/USA member, but interested in becoming one? Contact [Dance/USA's Membership Department](#), or visit the [Dance/USA Membership Page](#).

3. I cannot attend the Conference this year, are there other ways to participate?

Yes; absolutely! Stay up to date on Conference events by following Dance/USA's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages throughout the convening and by following the Dance/USA 2018 Annual Conference hashtags:

#DUSAconf #DanceUSALA #LADance

Additionally, at least one Conference event will be livestreamed. Continue to check the website for more information about how to tune into the livestream.

4. What do I need to know if I am a first time Conference attendee?

Let us know it is your first Dance/USA Conference when you register! Also, be sure to attend the **First Time Attendee Reception** (Time and Date TBD) where you will meet Dance/USA Board Members and the Executive Director who can give you tips on making the most of your Conference experience.

[Read these helpful tips](#) to help you get the most out of your Conference experience!

5. What is the dress code for Conference events?

The most important thing to remember when dressing for the Conference is to dress comfortably. The Conference is held campus style, so we will be moving to different arts venues throughout the city each day. Wear layers to be prepared for the summer heat as we move outdoors and into the air conditioning of venues where sessions are held. For the majority of Conference events, attendees dress in business casual attire.

For special events such as the Opening Night Celebration, we suggest summer cocktail attire. While this is not an occasion for true formal attire, it is the most formal event of the Conference.

6. What is a Dance/USA Council or Affinity Group?

Councils and Affinity Groups are for **Dance/USA organizational members only** and offer an opportunity to discuss current issues and trends in the field and how these issues and trends affect their business.

A Dance/USA Council is a peer group generally denoted by a membership category (e.g., Service Organizations Council, Presenters Council, etc.) or job function (e.g., Managers Council, Agents Council, etc.).

Affinity Groups function similarly to Councils, but focus more on specific job functions. Affinity Groups include: Production, Marketing, Development, Company Managers, School Directors, and CFOs. Currently, Affinity Groups are only accessible to dance company members with budgets of \$3 million and above.

Many Councils and Affinity Groups choose to meet in-person during the Conference. **These in-person meetings are only open to Dance/USA members belonging to that particular Council or Affinity Group.**

7. Can I attend the Dance/USA Council or Affinity Group meeting?

Dance/USA Council and Affinity Group meetings at the Annual Conference are only for Dance/USA organizational members belonging to that particular Council or Affinity Group. If you are a Dance/USA organizational member in a Council or Affinity Group, you will receive your Council/Affinity Group agenda and meeting details in advance of the Conference from Dance/USA's Membership Department. Breakout sessions are open to all attendees. Some Councils and Affinity Groups will hold open meetings during the Conference. Check the mobile app for a list of meetings open to non-members.

There are also a number of breakout sessions to attend. View the available breakout sessions [here](#).

Not sure if you are a Dance/USA member or interested in becoming a member? Contact [Dance/USA's Membership Department](#), or visit the [Dance/USA Membership Page](#).

8. Is there a partner hotel? What is the deadline to reserve a room at the group rate?

Yes; Dance/USA is partnered with The L.A. Hotel Downtown. The deadline to reserve a room is Monday, May 7th, though we suggest reserving your room early as rooms do sell out. [Read more](#) about our partner hotel and how to book The L.A. Hotel Downtown.

9. What is the registration deadline?

Online registration ends on Friday, May 4. We recommend taking advantage of the Early-bird rate and register by April 8, 2018.

10. Can I register on-site?

Yes; on-site registration is available Wednesday, June 6 to Friday, June 8. Please note, registration fees increase for on-site registration.

11. When I arrive how do I check in for the Conference?

To check in for the Conference upon arrival, visit the Registration Table to receive your Conference tote bag, Conference Guide, name tag, and other important information about the Conference. The Registration Table will be available Wednesday, June 6 to Friday, June 8.

12. How do I get from the airport to the Conference hotel?

SuperShuttle is available at the airport and will take you directly to the hotel. The Shuttle costs approximately \$20 one way. Reserve your shuttle [here](#).

Uber and Lyft are also widely used in Los Angeles and recommended for airport transportation.

13. I registered for the Conference, but can no longer attend. What do I do?

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14. What is Engaging Dance Audiences (EDA)?

EDA is a re-granting program that enables Dance/USA to explore and research methods of engaging audiences for dance, learn from peers, and share the learning nationally. EDA grantees will convene at the Conference. These meetings are for EDA grantees only.

15. What is the Dance/USA Institute for Leadership Training (DILT)?

DILT offers one-on-one mentorships between emerging and established leaders in the dance field and aims to hone the leadership skills of emerging leaders by fostering self-direction, self-reflection, and the ability to embrace challenge and change. DILT launches at the Annual Conference and participants meet in-person through sessions curated specifically for the program. The application process for the next round of the program will open in early 2018.

16. What is the SmART Bar?

SmART Bar sessions are optional 20-minute one-on-one consultations between Conference participants and industry leaders (or 'SmART Bar Bartenders') who are willing to share their expertise. Such topics include: technology, development, insurance, financial modeling, grant-writing, fundraising, legal advice and more!

17. Are there scholarship opportunities available? Are there ways to make the Conference more financially affordable?

For more information on scholarships, please visit the [Scholarships page](#).

Dance/USA is also looking for volunteers to assist during the Conference. In exchange for service, volunteers are eligible to receive either complimentary day or full conference registration. For more information and to sign up, visit the [Volunteer page](#).

Are you interested in sharing accommodations with another Conference attendee? Be sure to select "yes" when [registering for the conference](#) and Dance/USA will share contact information with interested parties.